

## *The Lord 's Day*

October 4, 2020 at 10:30 AM

We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.

As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.  
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.

### We prepare for worship

#### ***Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...***

Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished."

**Matthew 5:17,**

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Prelude  
Wickham

Mrs. Wendy

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

### We praise our great God

Call to Worship  
(ESV)

Psalm 103:1-5; 23b

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's

**Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

Hymn No. 2 (vv. 1-5)  
Lyons

*O Worship the King*

O worship the King all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavillioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Invocation

**We embrace Christ our Savior**

Confession of Sin (**responsive**)  
(**ESV**)

Psalm 51:1-4

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,**  
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Assurance of Pardon

Micah 7:18, 19 (**ESV**)

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 95

Of what use is the moral law to all men? **The moral law is of use to all men, to inform them of the holy nature and will of God, and of their duty, binding them to walk accordingly; to convince them of their disability to keep it, and of the sinful pollution of their nature, hearts, and lives: to humble them in the sense of their sin and misery, and thereby help them to a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and of the perfection of His obedience.**

Hymn No. 460  
melody

*Amazing Grace*

Traditional American

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;

'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (**in unison**)

**We respond in gratitude for God's blessing**

*The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

**We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament**

Scripture Reading  
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Galatians 3:15-

<sup>15</sup>To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. <sup>16</sup>Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

<sup>17</sup>This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. <sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

<sup>19</sup>Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. <sup>20</sup>Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

<sup>21</sup>Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. <sup>22</sup>But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Sermon  
Bell

"Promise or Performance"

Pastor

Hymn  
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*Behold the Lamb*

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Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross

***So we share in this bread of life  
And we drink of His sacrifice***

*As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King*

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you  
Eat and remember  
The wounds that healed the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one

*So we share...*

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you  
Drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God

*So we share ...*

The Lord's Supper

**We respond to God's grace**

Hymn  
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*Behold the Lamb*

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body He loves us

*As we share in his suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again  
And with joy in the feast of Heaven  
Around the table of the King  
Around the table of the King*

Benediction            and            Three-Fold            Amen            **(Hymnal,            pg            740)**  
Danish  
Postlude

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**We Welcome and Thank** Mrs. Wendy Wickham for providing the music for us this morning.